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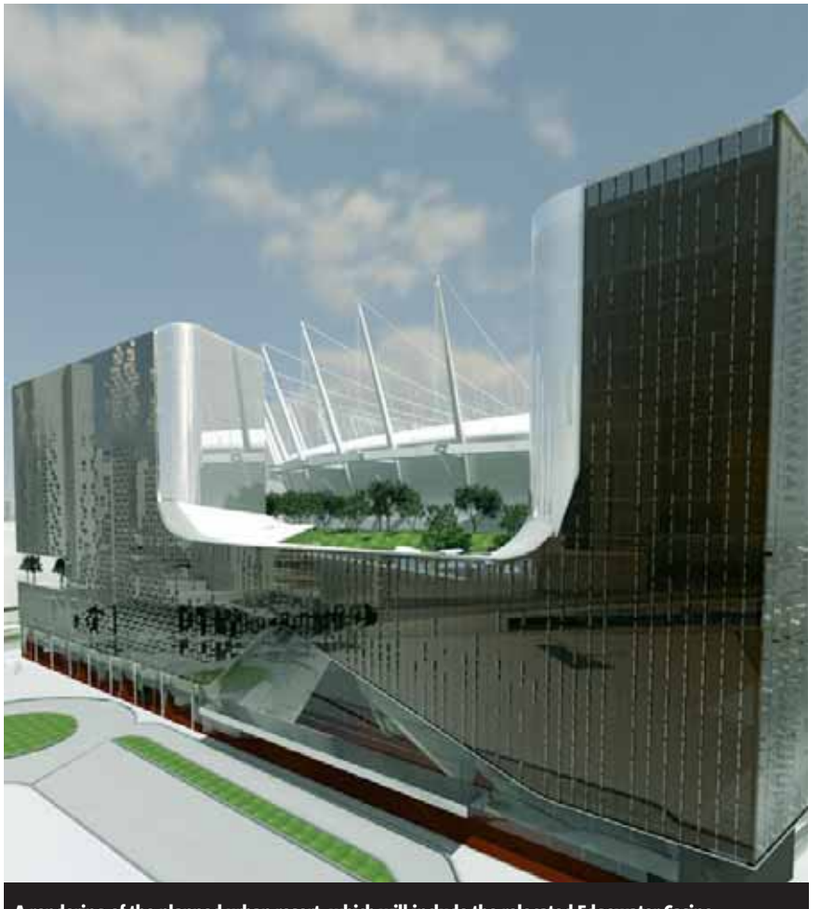

A rendering of the planned urban resort, which will include the relocated Edgewater Casino. CONTRIBUTED

Health experts urging review of casino plan

Edgewater. Developer taking revamped project to city hall

Several doctors and health experts are calling on Mayor Gregor Robertson and his Vision-dominated city council to review a proposal by Las Vegas-based Paragon Development to nearly double the floor space of the Edgewater Casino.

Vancouver Not Vegas campaign spokeswoman Sandy Garossino said on Tuesday that council's 2011 moratorium on gaming expansion doesn't go far enough. She argued an October report, which found the number of severe problem gamblers in B.C. more than doubled from 2002 to 2007 to 0.9 per cent of the population, up from 0.4 per cent, should be a "game-changer."

The report from Provincial Health Officer Dr. Perry Kendall said 4.6 of British Columbians were moderate-risk gamblers in 2007, while provincial gaming revenue nearly doubled to $2.06 billion in the decade leading up to 2012. Report co-author Dr. Gerald Thomas is one of the addictions experts who signed a letter to council supporting Garossino's campaign.

"What was promised is there would be no mega-casino," Garossino said of council's 2011 decision to quash Paragon's original proposal — which involved expanding to 150 game tables from 65 and to 1,500 slots from 493.

"We need a zoning that establishes square footage that's appropriate to the size of the existing casino, and not have it allowed to be built in."

The city's development permit board will look on Monday at Paragon's scaled-back plan to simply move its existing tables and slots to a one-hectare site with twice the floor space next to BC Place, from its current location at the Plaza of Nations.

Vision Coun. Kerry Jang has asked Vancouver Medical Health Officer Dr. Patricia Daly to ensure the city's existing gaming facilities comply with the 17 recommendations in Kendall's report.

He said Garossino's concerns that council has left the door wide open to future gaming expansion in the bigger building it wants to build are "convoluted."

"If the idea is to limit the growth of the casino, we've already done that," he said.

"And if she's worried about a future council, well, a future council would have to draft new bylaws and go through the entire public consultation process again ... which could take quite a while." KATE WEBB/METRO

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New Year's. City to throw big party to ring in 2015

The countdown is on to Vancouver's New Year's Eve party.

Later this week, Mayor Gregor Robertson will announce plans to bring New Year's Eve celebrations to the city in 2015. Details will remain scant until the press conference Thursday, but the party planning appears to be in response to a city council motion in March.

Coun. George Affleck proposed the city host a bash in the downtown core to ring in 2014, suggesting corporate sponsorship to fund the party.

People tend to mill around Robson Square waiting for something to happen anyway, he said at the time, but the province-run festivities have ended at about 9 p.m. for the past four years.

Robertson will make the announcement with the Vancouver New Year's Eve Celebration Society. Also involved are the Vancouver Foundation, the Downtown Vancouver Business Improvement Association and Tourism Vancouver.

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Fireworks in Vancouver.
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A Christmas card with Abbotsford Police Chief Bob Rich as Santa will be sent to prolific offenders to remind them to make better choices. CONTRIBUTED

Abbotsford PD: 'Even Santa makes mistakes'

Happy holidays from the boys in blue. Cops hoping repeat offenders will follow St. Nick's example and change from naughty to nice

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Santa is trying to make nice after his machine gun landed him on Mrs. Claus's naughty list.

"I will not play with guns," writes a bad Santa on the cover of this season's Abbotsford police greeting card, after last year's card featuring Chief Bob Rich as Santa in full tactical gear drew a massive response.

It was "probably over the top" to send a card with Santa dressed in SWAT gear to 80 prolific offenders, property offenders and people involved in drugs, gangs and domestic abuse, department spokesman Const. Ian MacDonald said Tuesday.

Response to the card was 90 per cent positive, MacDonald said, but the department wanted to acknowledge that "even Santa makes mistakes."

"To the people upset by the tactical gear, we're sorry for that," he said.

Enter Mrs. Claus, a.k.a. Insp. Carol Powell, who disapprovingly supervises Santa, a.k.a. the chief, as he writes lines on a chalkboard on the cover of this year's card, which includes a phone number for offenders to call if they want help making better choices.

Last year's card drew a huge response, not all of it positive. CONTRIBUTED

"The message is the same as last year," MacDonald said. "People need to make good choices with their lives."

While the response rate from offenders last year was low, police believe it's worthwhile if even one person is challenged to change their life.

Last year, four offenders reached out to police because of the card. One man, a repeat offender with substance-abuse issues, called the hotline to thank police for his last arrest.

"He considered it an opportunity to rescue his life," MacDonald said. "It doesn't get any better than that."

Premier expects lagging jobs plan to pick up by next year

Year-end review. Christy Clark far from abandoning growth strategy, LNG ambitions

Premier Christy Clark says her goal to transform British Columbia's economy into one of Canada's top job-creation engines has hit a rough patch, but she's not about to ditch her jobs plan or call it a lemon.

Clark, in a year-end interview with The Canadian Press, said she expects job creation to pick up next year as potential deals with liquefied natural gas companies reach the signing stage.

Clark refused to call her jobs plan a failure, but admitted it's been slow going.

"We haven't seen all the fruits of our labours yet, but we will," she said. "I hope in 2014, we'll get to some final investment decisions on some of the LNG plants. I hope we'll see some of the fruits of these labours, but it's just not the kind of thing that's going to happen overnight."

In the fall of 2011, when Clark announced her Liberal government's jobs plan, she set lofty job creation and economic growth goals to put B.C. on top in Canada.

The premier — who has placed much of the province's economic hope in development of natural gas and export of LNG to Asia — said she wanted the province to strive for economic gold.

The jobs plan will remain in place, but the climb to the top remains formidable, she admitted.

"We've set a goal to create jobs, to grow the economy, to create economic development," Clark said. "You do not get to that long-term goal without sticking to a plan over a good period of time, so, it's going to take a little longer."

Clark also discussed child poverty, fiscal discipline and aboriginal treaties during the interview.

She said a growing economy fuelled by natural gas revenues and creating jobs is the best way to help needy families, balance the budget, reduce debt, and reach economic and treaty settlements with aboriginals.

She said B.C.'s consistently high national child-poverty rating can be reduced through a growing economy that is creating jobs.

"Too high" is how Clark describes B.C.'s child-poverty rate. "Way, way, way too high. We can do better than that, but the only way we will do better is by creating economic growth, creating jobs for people. Because child poverty is parent poverty."

The goals of Clark's "Canada Starts Here: The B.C. Jobs Plan" include placing B.C. in the top two in Canada in gross domestic product growth and new job growth by 2015.

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Playing catch-up

6,700

Since the jobs plan was launched more than two years ago, B.C. has lost 6,700 private-sector jobs, the worst record in the country.

Premier Christy Clark is photographed during an interview at her office in the B.C. Legislature building in Victoria on Monday. CHAD HIPOLITO/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Trade mission

'Our future... lies to the west'

Her jobs plan at home may be flat-lining, but Premier Christy Clark was a livewire when talking about her recent trade mission to China.

The premier addressed the Canada China Business Council in Vancouver on Tuesday and heralded her trip to China, Korea and Japan, which wrapped up Dec. 4, as "one of the most successful, if not the most successful, that we've ever done."

"We are no longer just an Atlantic nation, we are very much now a Pacific nation," she told the audience at the Four Seasons Hotel. "Our future, the future of our entire country, lies to the west. The future lies across the Pacific Ocean in Asia. Increasingly, that means China."

China has already paid a record $1.17 billion for softwood lumber from B.C. this year, and provincial exports to the country have risen 500 per cent over the last decade.

But there's more to come, she told the business council.

Much like her message during the provincial election, Clark says the cure for B.C.'s poor employment numbers is a dose of liquefied natural gas exportation to the very country she just visited.

A hundred thousands jobs and a trillion dollars in revenues over the next 30 years are on the line, she said.

"We have a plan and we're sticking with it," she told media, standing in front of a map of China proclaiming the province signed 26 trade agreements during her trip.

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City considers pre-paid parking for boozed drivers

Too much to drink?
City wants to make it easier for you to leave your car parked downtown

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Vancouver will consider changing its parking regulations to allow drivers to pre-pay for the subsequent morning in an effort to dissuade people from drinking and driving because they don't want to wake up early to retrieve their vehicles.

"That's particularly important in the holiday season," said Coun. Raymond Louie, who proposed the motion after two UBC economic students pitched the idea in a letter.

Since Vancouver already has parking-metre technology including mobile apps, pay-by-phone and digital meters, the regulation should be fairly cheap and quick to implement, Louie said.

Once staff designate roads where this would work — it obviously wouldn't be permitted on busy streets with rush hour parking restrictions — the system could be up as early as this month.

The police chief, the Downtown Vancouver Business Improvement Association and Mothers Against Drunk Driving support this initiative, which council will vote on next week.

Crafty drivers, however, might have already worked a way around this problem. If you take down the number of the parking metre and use the pay-by-phone app — and remember to wake up to call it at exactly 9 a.m. — you can technically buy yourself two extra hours to pick up your car.

Regardless of how Vancouverites travel to festivities, the city encourages residents to celebrate responsibly. Don't drink and drive.

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Sign of a thaw?

Obama shakes hands with Cuban leader

U.S. President Barack Obama shook hands with Cuban President Raul Castro Tuesday at a memorial service for Nelson Mandela, a simple gesture that signalled possible thawing between the leaders of two Cold War foes.

The brief encounter between the two came during a ceremony that celebrated the former South African president's legacy of reconciliation. Obama was greeting a line of world leaders attending the memorial in Johannesburg before delivering his own eulogy in which he urged a new generation to embrace Mandela's life work as their own.

Obama adviser Ben Rhodes said the handshakes with Castro and other world leaders weren't planned in advance and didn't involve any substantive discussion. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nelson Mandela: From pri

Memorial. In eulogy to late leader, Obama implores people to embrace Mandela's universal message of peace and justice

Amid cheers and song for the prisoner who became peacemaker, U.S. President Barack Obama energized tens of thousands of spectators and nearly 100 visiting heads of state Tuesday with a plea for the world to emulate Nelson Mandela, "the last great liberator of the 20th century."

Obama's eulogy was the rhetorical highlight of a memorial service in which South Africans celebrated Mandela's life with singing and dancing, often during dignitaries' speeches.

Lashing rain lent a freewheeling aspect to the memorial, with people taking shelter in the stadium's wide hallways, where they sang anti-apartheid anthems from the 1970s and 1980s. Foul weather kept many away, and the 95,000-capacity stadium was only two-thirds full.

Obama implored people to embrace Mandela's universal message of peace and justice, comparing the South African leader to Mahatma Gandhi, Martin Luther King Jr. and Abraham Lincoln. Mandela spent 27 years in prison under a racist regime, and promoted forgiveness and reconciliation when he was finally freed.

Obama, who like Mandela became the first black president of his country, said he was inspired by Mandela as a student. The speech was greeted with thunderous applause. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Visiting dignitaries

100

Nearly 100 visiting heads of state attended the memorial for Nelson Mandela in Soweto, South Africa, on Tuesday.

Two girls dance in the rain outside of the memorial service for former South African president Nelson Mandela at the FNB Stadium in Soweto, near Johannesburg, South Africa, on Tuesday. TSVANGIRAYI MUKWAZHI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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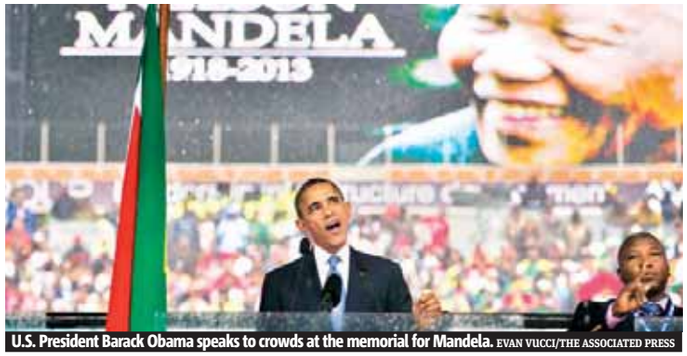

U.S. President Barack Obama speaks to crowds at the memorial for Mandela. EVAN VUCCI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Celebration of a life

"We will never see the likes of Nelson Mandela again. But let me say to the young people of Africa, and young people around the world — you can make his life's work your own."

U.S. President Barack Obama

A boy attends the memorial. PETER DEJONG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

In attendance

In contrast to the wild applause given to Obama, South African President Jacob Zuma was booed. Many South Africans are unhappy with Zuma because of state corruption scandals, though his ruling African National Congress, once led by Mandela, remains the front-runner ahead of elections next year.

- Among the heads of state and government were some from countries like Cuba that don't hold fully democratic elections.
- Other attending leaders criticized for their human-rights records were Zimbabwe's Robert Mugabe, Equatorial Guinea's Teodoro Obiang Nguema and Gambia's Yahya Jammeh.

In remembrance. Canadians pay tribute to a 'giant of history'

A teeming, colourful sea of mourners danced and sang under a cold, exhilarating South African downpour Tuesday as tens of thousands of people — including political leaders from around the world — gathered to celebrate the life of Nelson Mandela.

A powerful coalition of politically diverse emissaries from across Canada was on hand for the four-hour ceremony, including Prime Minister Stephen Harper and four of his predecessors: Jean Chrétien, Kim Campbell, Brian Mulroney and Joe Clark.

"Today was more a celebration than a funeral," Harper said as the ceremony came to a close. "A celebration of a very long life, but a very important life."

He called Mandela "one of the giants of history."

A steady, cold rain appeared to keep many away from the Soweto soccer stadium, where those who did brave the elements heard stirring calls to action from the likes of U.S. President Barack Obama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

Let it rain

"In our culture the rain is a blessing. Only great, great people are memorialized with it."

Harry Tshabalala, a driver for the Justice Ministry in South Africa

Chrétien said the exuberance made it unlike any memorial he has seen.

"It is a great occasion of respect because he's admired by everybody," he said.

Chrétien recalled that his government made Mandela an honorary citizen of Canada.

"Whenever he would meet me, he would say, 'Hi, my prime minister.'"

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Think before you drink, RCMP urges

Arrive alive. Police warn that a Dec. 7 crackdown is just the beginning during a busy holiday season to nab drunk drivers

Saturday "was not a good night" for Mounties.

It was an even worse night for the many drivers across British Columbia who were handed 90-day immediate roadside driving prohibitions (104 people), had their cars impounded (30 people) or were criminally charged for impaired driving (five people).

Another 94 drivers that night were given stern warnings during a 2013 Counter Attack blitz that saw RCMP from 97 detachments check 32,877 vehicles.

"Despite all of these efforts done to educate people, we still saw people get behind the wheel of their vehicle after drinking," said RCMP traffic services Cpl. Robert McDonald.

One of the most common excuses police hear from drivers is that they're surprised to find out they've blown over the legal limit.

"They say they only had a couple of drinks, but everyone is different," he said. "It's about how much alcohol is in your system."

Though he recommends anyone drinking during the holidays should make alternate transportation plans and avoid driving at all, McDonald did offer some guidelines.

"One drink an hour is usually a good guideline," he said. "People have two or three in an hour and then they think they're OK if they take a break before having a last drink before heading out. Having a top up last minute just makes sure (blood alcohol levels) stay up there, that's when a lot of people get in trouble."

Police warn that the Dec. 7 crackdown is just the beginning during a busy holiday season for officers.

"We'll be out there everyday, morning and night," said McDonald. "Everyday there will be a roadblock somewhere in B.C."

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Five-year-old Surrey girl dies of meningitis

Health measures?
Bacterial infection not uncommon, vast majority of cases do not cause meningitis, says health authority

A five-year-old girl in Surrey has died of meningitis, but a medical health officer says public measures do not need to be taken to prevent the bacterial infection at her school.

The kindergarten student died on the weekend after being transferred to BC Children's Hospital from Surrey Memorial.

Dr. Michelle Murti of the Fraser Health Authority said Tuesday that the type of bacterial infection involved is not uncommon and that the vast majority of cases do not cause meningitis.

"It is a bacteria that is in the environment and it is passed from person to person. But why it was so severe for her, we don't know."

Murti said children who contract meningitis can become severely ill very quickly, as was the case for the kindergarten student.

"There were a couple of days of being unwell and as things turned worse it progressed quite rapidly," she said, adding that a sudden and severe headache with a fever, nausea and vomiting require urgent attention.

"Some of these cases come on so rapidly that parents will say they put their kid down before bed, they were perfectly well and then they'll wake up in the morning and their child has already passed away, unfortunately."

Bacterial meningitis has become rare in B.C. because of the use of vaccines through routine childhood immunization.

Murti did not know if the girl had been vaccinated, though she said not all strains of the bacteria are covered by the vaccine. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Thank you, Nobel committee ... Snowball

Canadian author Alice Munro is photographed at her daughter Sheila's home during an interview in Victoria on Tuesday. Alice's daughter Jenny received the Nobel Prize in Literature on her mother's behalf during a ceremony in Stockholm. For the full story, visit metronews.ca. CHAD HIPOLITO/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Up $29.6M from last year

Only 2 Vancouverites challenge city budget

Aside from one resident who begged the city to spend more on garbage cans, there wasn't much ado over Vancouver's $1.2-billion 2014 budget.

At a special budget meeting Tuesday night, council discussed the proposed boost to property taxes (1.9 per cent) and user fees (one per cent) for a total budget increase of $29.6 million from 2013. It will vote on, and almost certainly approve, the increase next week.

But the city might have to dip into its contingency funds depending on how negotiations go with the police and fire unions, council heard.

Only two citizens showed up to address council. Designer Marten Sims urged the city to include inclusivity, engagement and creativity in its long-term planning.

Norquay resident Jeanette Jones had more practical concerns.

In 2010, there were 11 garbage bins along her street and the street-cleaning budget was $8.9 million. There are now only seven bins on her street, but the street-cleaning budget has dropped to $7.3 million.

"Hello? Has anybody looked at our streets lately?" she said.

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Can we claim Santa's home? Putin says no

Sabre rattling. Russia counters Canada's bid to expand Arctic turf with military directive

Ranger Joe Amarualik drives his snowmobile on the ice during a Canadian Ranger sovereignty patrol near Eureka, on Ellesmere Island, Nunavut, in 2007. Russia, the United States, Canada, Denmark and Norway have all been trying to assert jurisdiction over parts of the Arctic. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Russian President Vladimir Putin is pawing the snow over Canada's claim to the North Pole. A day after Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird confirmed Canada is extending its Arctic territorial claim beyond the area mapped by federal scientists, Putin responded Tuesday with a highly visible message to the Russian military.

"I would like you to devote special attention to deploying infrastructure and military units in the Arctic," Putin was quoted saying in televised comments at a meeting of the Defence Ministry Board in Moscow. The country requires "every lever for the protection of its security and national interests there," Putin said.

Baird held a news conference Monday on Parliament Hill where he asserted the Arctic claim will include the North Pole, although Canada has yet to do the mapping work to support its bid.

Russia is already drilling for oil in the high Arctic, and in 2007 a Russian team planted the country's flag on the sea floor at the magnetic pole.

Baird's spokesman Rick Roth responded to Putin's latest Arctic chest-thumping by stating Canada will defend its sovereignty in the region "in adherence to international law, and through science-based measures." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Uruguay likely to approve weed market

Uruguay's Senate was finishing its final debate Tuesday before voting on an audacious and risky plan to create the world's first national marijuana market, with the state regulating the entire process of growing, selling and using a drug that is illegal almost everywhere else.

Approval late Tuesday was all but assured, given the ruling coalition's majority and support from President Jose Mujica, who says he's convinced the global drug war is a failure and that state regulations can do a better job than weapons to contain addictions and defeat a thriving illegal market.

Former Health Minister Alfredo Solari, a Colorado Party senator, warned that children and adolescents will more easily get their hands on pot, and that "the effects of this policy on public health will be terrible."

But Sen. Roberto Conde, a former deputy foreign minister with the ruling Broad Front, said marijuana "is already established in Uruguay. It's a drug that is already seen as very low risk and enormously easy to get." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Ford stands by word he didn't want to say

'Beyond the pale.'
Toronto mayor doubles down on insinuation about Star reporter

Conrad Black, left, interviews Rob Ford. CONTRIBUTED

A defiant Toronto Mayor Rob Ford refused Tuesday to apologize or explain televised comments in which he sparked a threat of legal action by appearing to accuse a reporter of being a pedophile.

Asked if he would say sorry to Toronto Star reporter Daniel Dale or clarify the comments he made during a Vision TV interview with former media baron and convicted felon Conrad Black, Ford was emphatic.

"I stand by my words, what I said with Conrad Black," Ford told a news conference. "I stand by every word I said."

Black had asked Ford in the interview broadcast Monday about media intrusion on his family's privacy, and Ford singled out Dale for an incident that happened in May 2012.

"Daniel Dale is in my backyard taking pictures. I have little kids. He's taking pictures of little kids," Ford told Black in the interview, taped Friday.

"I don't want to say that word but you start thinking what this guy is all about."

Dale said at no time did he ever take any photographs of the mayor's family, house or property — and a police investigation bore that out.

The matter was in the hands of Star lawyers, Dale said.

Quoted

"It is unpleasant when the mayor of the biggest city in Canada essentially accuses you ... (of being a) pedophile."
Toronto Star reporter Daniel Dale

Editor in chief Michael Cooke said Tuesday that it would be Dale's decision on whether to sue but said the Star would back him financially.

"I can't think of a worse thing to say about a man — a man who has sex with children," Cooke said. "I can't think of a worse insult, a worse libel, a worse accusation."

Deputy Mayor Norm Kelly, who has assumed most of the mayor's powers, denounced the mayor's view.

"It's almost beyond comment. It goes beyond the pale and I think there should be an apology for that."

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Fredericton

Pot-smoking Mountie charged with assaulting fellow officer

The Public Safety Department for Fredericton says a Mountie who publicly complained about not being able to smoke medicinal marijuana while on the job was subdued with a stun gun and charged with assaulting an RCMP officer.

Alycia Morehouse, a spokeswoman for the department, says Cpl. Ron Francis is undergoing a psychiatric assessment after he was arrested last week.

Francis is due back in provincial court in Fredericton on Jan. 6.

An RCMP spokeswoman says the Mounties were concerned about Francis's well-being when they found him Friday on a street in downtown Fredericton.

Morehouse says the RCMP called Fredericton police for help because the city is not within RCMP jurisdiction.

She says Francis was hit with a stun gun at one point, but she couldn't offer further details, saying the matter is before the courts. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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E-copter gets $1.65M through crowdfunding

Volocopter. Creators hope to start selling them in 2015 for delivery in 2016

Fresh from completing the first electric flight, the German engineers at E-Volo have scooped $1.65 million US in a crowdfunding campaign for their "Volocopter" design, believed to be a world record.

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Will this be the future of drones?

The term is a bit military but of course it is possible. We have remote-controlled a small model so it is perfectly realistic to build drones, but at the moment we are thinking of manned aircraft.

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An image of the Volocopter. CONTRIBUTED

Comet chaser. Scientists get set to give deep space probe its wake-up call

When Europe's Rosetta probe gets roused from its deep space slumber next month, scientists are hoping it will be fit and ready for the final stage of its daring mission to land a spacecraft on a comet.

There is little room for mistakes as the coming months involve a high-speed chase, a delicate dance around comet 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko, and finally the precision drop of a lander onto its icy surface — set for Nov. 11.

"Imagine trying to parachute onto the tip of a mountain," said Paolo Ferri, head of mission operations at the European Space Agency.

The lander — called Philae — will drop onto the surface of 67P and latch on using a harpoon, to prevent it from drifting off into space due to the comet's weak gravity.

Launched in 2004, Rosetta has already spent almost 10 years in space preparing for its big day.

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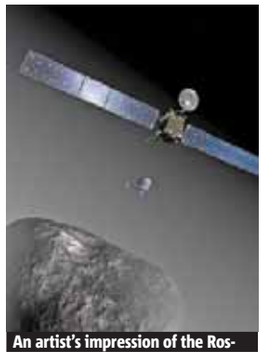

An artist's impression of the Rosetta orbiter deploying the Philae lander to comet 67P.
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The big day

Britain sets date when same-sex couples can marry

Save the date: The British government announced Tuesday that the country's first same-sex weddings can be held on Saturday, March 29.

Equalities Minister Maria Miller said from then on marriage "will be open to everyone, irrespective of whether they fall in love with someone of the same sex or opposite sex."

"This is just another step in the evolution of marriage and I know that many couples up and down the country will be hugely excited that they can now plan for their big day and demonstrate their love and commitment to each other by getting married," she said.

Parliament legalized same-sex marriage in England and Wales in July, with the backing of the leaders of the three main political parties.

Gay couples will be able to get married in civil ceremonies, and in religious services from orders that authorize it — though the country's main Protestant order, the Church of England, is split on the issue and is barred from marrying gay couples.

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Lululemon founder out after latest gaffe

Stretching in new directions. The Vancouver-based company names a new CEO as it moves on from its annus horribilis

Lululemon Athletica named a new chief executive Tuesday and announced founder Chip Wilson is stepping down as chairman as the athletic clothing retailer looked to put a difficult 2013 behind it.

The changes mark the end of the five years of dramatic growth of the Vancouver-based company with Wilson and outgoing CEO Christine Day at the helm.

The company said Tuesday that Laurent Potdevin will take over as chief executive next month. Potdevin, who began his career at luxury retailer LVMH, most recently served as president of Toms Shoes.

Lululemon has struggled this year with its first major stumble when it pulled its black Luon pants from store shelves after customer complaints that the pants were too sheer. The company blamed the problems on a style change and production issues. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sheer madness

"Quite frankly, some women's bodies just actually don't work for it."

Lululemon founder Chip Wilson, in an interview last month, ignited a storm of criticism by suggesting to Bloomberg TV that production may not be the only issue regarding the sheerness of the Luon yoga pants.

Lululemon Athletica Inc. founder Chip Wilson is stepping down as chairman of the board after making some revealing remarks. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Got the maximum

Exec jailed after selling faulty breast implants

A French businessman who sold tens of thousands of breast implants filled with industrial-grade silicone and prone to leaks was convicted of fraud on Tuesday and sentenced to the maximum four years in prison.

His lawyer promised to appeal immediately, disappointing the dozens of women who travelled to the courthouse in Marseille hoping to see Jean-Claude Mas taken away. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mary Barra

GM names first woman to head a U.S. car company

General Motors picked Mary Barra, its product development chief and a 33-year company veteran, as its next CEO. She will become the first female head of a major U.S. car company. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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HYPNAGOGIA SOUNDS LIKE A SNOOZE

JUST SAYIN'

Paul Sullivan
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OK, it's time to get up close and personal.

Do you take naps?

I'm not sure what prompted that question, but it occurred to me during a session in the "thinking chair" in my office.

Some of my best ideas happen in the thinking chair, usually just before someone starts snoring and the walls start to reverberate. If I ever find out who's doing it…

Turns out I'm not the only one who becomes inspired in that twilight zone between sleeping and waking, that place where you're starting to dream but haven't fallen asleep yet.

That state, which is called hypnagogia, was visited frequently by Edison, Einstein, Aristotle and Spanish surrealist painter Salvador Dali, he of the landscapes featuring melting clocks. Hypnagogic, dude.

So, napping is not a sign of increasing senility, but a powerful creative tool. Hence the term "power nap." Superman probably knocks off a few power zzzzs when he's all cosy in the Fortress of Solitude. Nobody calls Superman senile, although there is that giant 's' on his chest.

There is some research to suggest power naps help prevent heart attacks, although that could be because people who engage in cardiovascular exercise have a tendency to get calm and drowsy after their workout. The jury is still out … like a light.

If you've tried power napping and only end up feeling groggy afterwards, it's probably because you're not doing it right. I know, I know, what's to learn? Close your eyes, count to 10 … how long was I out?

If you go past Hypnagogia Land into the realms of deeper sleep lasting longer than 20 minutes, that's not good, as you could end up with sleep inertia, which makes you groggy and grumpy.

Dali, he of the hypnagogic melting clocks, had a trick that prevented him from succumbing to the rapture of the depths. He would hold a key in his right hand, which he would then dangle over a plate. As soon as he started to heed the call of the Sandman, the key would drop out of his hand and clatter on the plate. Then he'd be up, refreshed, and back to his melting clocks. He called it "just the necessary amount of repose."

If you're still worried what everyone will think if you catnap at the controls of your 747, remember that entire cultures are based on the nap, only they call it the siesta, which sounds poetic, lyrical. People who take siestas never drool, for example.

The siesta is associated with the twin drivers of leisurely noonday meals and warm summer afternoons characteristic of Mediterranean climates, but you can try it here too, where it's all fast food and frost.

And if you start to do your best work immediately after a power nap, remember that it worked for Edison and Einstein. OK, maybe you have to try a little harder.

Five more minutes?

ZOOM

It lights up a horse's behind

REX FEATURES

Safety first with glitzy horse lights

A California-based firm has invented the first safety lighting for horses. Tail Lights are LED lights that drape through a horse's tail to provide a safe way to warn motorists of a horse and its rider. They are the brainchild of Sami Gros, who developed the idea after her friend was almost killed when a car struck her horse. METRO

Founder says

"It all began following a life-threatening accident. Despite using reflective gear, the horse ridden by my friend was hit from behind by a car as we were approaching the barn around dusk."

Sami Gros, founder of Tail Lights

'An attractive visual presence on the road'

The system consists of six water-resistant LED strips in the shape of a horse's tail. The LED strands are attached to the base of the tail by a specially designed neoprene tail wrap. According to its designers, the lights do not emit heat, are water resistant and allow for free movement of the tail — and make "an attractive visual presence on the road." METRO

A Kickstarter campaign was launched to raise the $100,000 needed to make the innovation widely available.

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As the holiday shopping season descends on us all, Metro has a few ideas on what to get that person in your life who lives on social media. Here are some sites that will take your Instagram photos and turn them into Insta-gifts.

Printstagram (printstagr.am)

A one-stop shop for turning your favourite social media photos into everything from cards, to posters or stickers.

Stitchtagram (stitchtagram.com):

Based in Washington, D.C., this company lets you design pillows, bags and purses using your Instagram snapshots.

Boomf (boomf.com):

This site will literally print Instagram photos onto bite-sized marshmallows (pictured) and deliver them to your door. What else would you expect from a company whose tagline is "turn your memories into magical morsels?"

Twitter

@metropicks asked: "We will never see the likes of Nelson Mandela again," Barack Obama said at Mandela's memorial. Who do you think will be the next Mandela?

@WTarcisio: No one will replace Nelson Mandela and also Michael Jackson, Ayrton Senna and Elvis Plesley.

@MA6hp: According to @kanyewest he is new #Mandela.

@flarkcon: That's ironic

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Forget Middle-earth, movies are overrun with strange elves

New movies. From the North Pole to Nazi Germany to stories that go nowhere, the elfin character gets lots of play on screen

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Evangeline Lilly stars in The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug. CONTRIBUTED

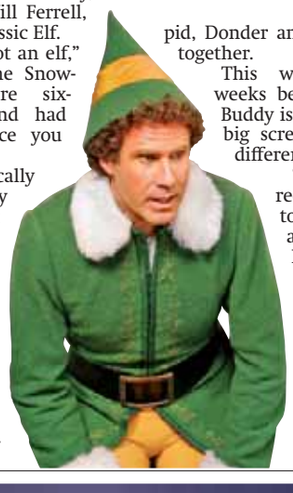
When we think of elves at this time of year visions of Santa's helpers fill our heads.

The cute, industrious and diminutive creatures from the North Pole can be seen everywhere in December in Christmas TV specials, greeting cards and movies like Arthur Christmas and Santa Claus: The Movie.

One of the most famous movie elves is Buddy, played by Will Ferrell, in the neoclassic Elf.

"You're not an elf," says Leon the Snowman. "You're six-foot-three and had a beard since you were 15."

So technically he's not really an elf, just a human raised by elves, but he has more Christmas spirit than Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donder and Blitzen put together.



Will Ferrell became a neoclassic elf in the Christmas movie Elf. CONTRIBUTED

This weekend, just weeks before Dec. 25, Buddy is joined on the big screen by a very different kind of elf.

"She's slightly reckless and totally ruthless and doesn't hesitate to kill."

That's how Evangeline Lilly describes the 600-year-old "she-elf" Tauriel from this weekend's The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug.

The bow-and-arrow wielding character is new to the J.R.R. Tolkien movie franchise, created by director Peter Jackson and his co-writers Fran Walsh and Philippa Boyens.

"She's our redhead," says Boyens.

"We created her for that reason. To bring that energy into the film, that feminine energy. We believe it's completely within the spirit of Tolkien."

Buddy and Tauriel are just two of the many kinds of movie elves.

Elves (or Gelfling as they're called in the flick), are the main focus of the Jim Henson film The Dark Crystal.

Dobby the House Elf was voted the No. 1 favourite magical creature in the Harry Potter series by NextMovie.com and Thor: The Dark World featured Dark Elves, an ancient race of dangerous beings whose spaceships are powered by black holes.

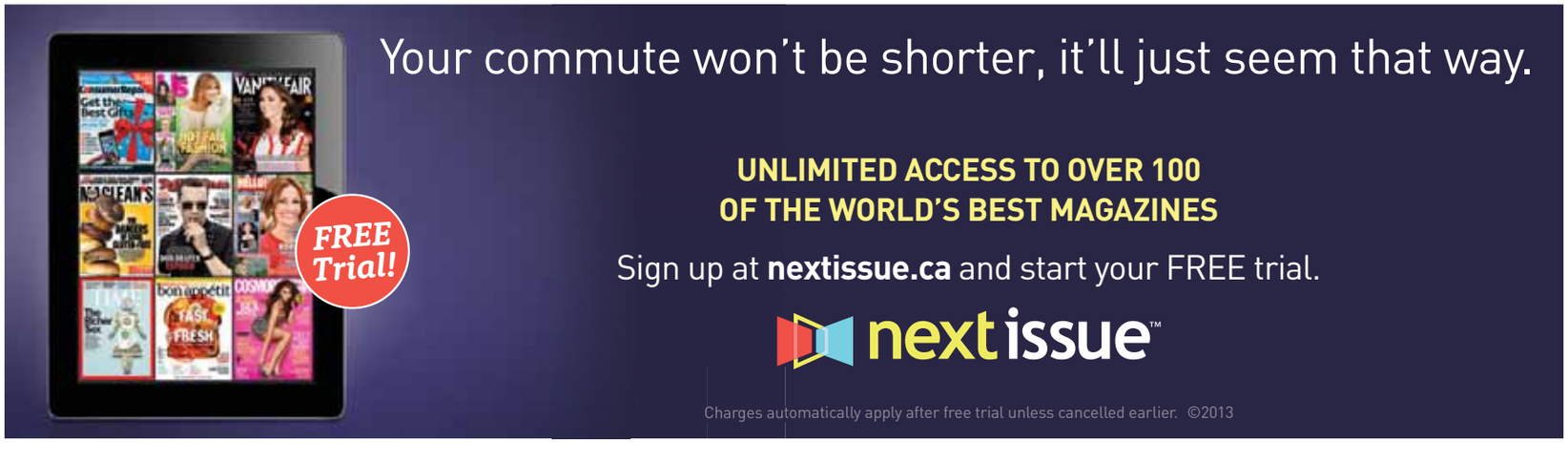
The cheese-ball B-movie Elves features the tag line, "They're Not Working for Santa ... Anymore."

Well, if not Santa, then who?

Nazis, that's who.

Finally Tom Cruise consorted with an elf named Honeythorn Gump in Legend, the Ridley Scott film The New York Times called "a slapdash amalgam of Old Testament, King Arthur, The Lord of the Rings and any number of comic books."

Swiss actor David Bennett played the feisty elfin sidekick who not only is the protector of the world's last two unicorns but, along with elves Screwball, Brown Tom and Oona, helps Cruise's character save the world from the nasty Lord of Darkness (Tim Curry).



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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

Harry and hook-up hang out in Hell's Kitchen

Maybe Harry Styles and Kendall Jenner were looking for an under-the-radar place to hang out, but a gay bar in New York City clearly wasn't it. After Styles' Saturday Night Live performance with One Direction, he and his rumoured girlfriend had a busy night of party-hopping, stopping for a bit at Hell's Kitchen gay bar Therapy, according to E! News. A source says Styles and Jenner "were having a great time" and "for sure looked like they were a couple. They had a blast." The fact that Styles is 19 and Jenner is 18 — and the drinking age in the U.S. is 21 — didn't seem to factor into their having a blast.

Harry Styles. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Katy Perry

Perry pans parents' presidential politics

Katy Perry tries to not let politics come between her and her conservative parents — except when an invitation to Barack Obama's inauguration is involved. "My parents are Republicans, and I'm not," she tells Marie Claire. "They didn't vote for Obama, but when I was asked to sing at the inauguration, they were like, 'We can come.' And I was like, No, you can't. I love you so much, but that — on principle.' They understood, but I was like, 'How dare you?' in a way."

Bradley Cooper

Suki stays (sort of) silent about celeb squeeze

Bradley Cooper and girlfriend Suki Waterhouse made their first official appearance together as a couple at the American Hustle premiere party in New York this weekend, according to TMZ.

While they've been spotted out and about before, both have worked hard to keep mum about the relationship "because it's boring," Waterhouse recently told Elle U.K. "I'm not one of those girls who goes on about their boyfriends. I do think whatever I say will sound weird. But the truth is, if I start talking about him, I probably won't be able to stop."

B-lister brings beau to Bel Air

It looks like Courteney Cox may have found some new romance for the holidays with Snow Patrol's Johnny McDaid, according to Life & Style. McDaid accompanied Cox to Jennifer Aniston's Bel Air holiday party in November and wasn't shy about her feelings.

"Courteney definitely looked like she was on a date," a source says. "They were holding hands during the party." Cox's ex-husband, David Arquette, let slip during a chat with Howard Stern on Oct. 31 that she was dating someone new after splitting from Cougar Town co-star Brian Van Holt. "She's with someone who loves and cares for her," Arquette said. "That's all I care about."

Courteney Cox

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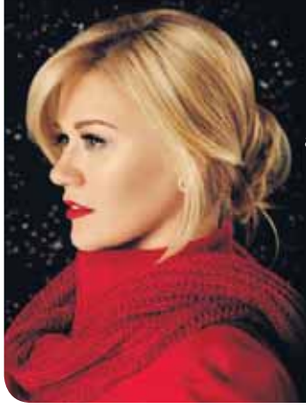

The holiday album features brand new instant-classics such as the first single, "Underneath The Tree" and title track, "Wrapped In Red" as well as Christmas favourites, "Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas," "Blue Christmas," "Run Run Rudolph," "Please Come Home For Christmas" and many more!

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LIFE 3

You'll love this Cancun resort to the Moon and back

Sun and fun. Winter's icy grip is upon us, might we suggest beaches and bubbly?

GINA ANGELOTTI
Metro World News in New York

Enjoy a cocktail by one of the resort's beautiful pools. PHOTOS: CONTRIBUTED/MOON RESORT

Moon Palace Cancun is a sprawling all-inclusive waterfront resort minutes from Cancun International Airport. Divided into three sections — Sunrise, Nizuc and Grand — each has its own character, landscape, demographic, restaurants and amenities. Once you put on a guest bracelet at check-in, you're not only given access to these "phases," which while walkable are connected by a lobby-to-lobby bus service, but you're also allowed to visit other Palace properties in the region. With seemingly limitless entertainment and dining options, the real party in Cancun happens here.

As the bellman explained the extensive features of our deluxe room at Grand, it became apparent that this resort was built with newlyweds in mind. With an in-room jacuzzi — standard for all suites — and a furnished patio, our accommodations were quite large for a single person.

But it wasn't long before we took advantage of the cavernous marble shower, swim-suited up and set out for sunshine. While climbing stairs that led to the nearest pool, we almost stepped on one of dozens of sunbathing iguanas that would appear over three days.

Outstretched in a chaise under the shade of palm fronds and umbrellas, the heat was welcome. There were more chairs embedded in a shallow shelf of water along the pool's perimeter, and these prime seats were often occupied.

But when the water gets to be too much, guests will be happy to know that Moon Palace has a spa, two salons and daily yoga in an on-site meditation garden.

Even though it briefly rained each day, the side effects were positive: The loudest guests — mostly families — abandoned the deck, and the ocean breeze rolled in to whip our paperbacks' pages and the napkins under our cocktails du jour. Wash, rinse, repeat: We pool-hopped like this for the rest of the trip.

One afternoon at the Sunrise pool's coal-fired pizza oven, two newlyweds chit-chatted with other guests in line. An older woman advised the couple, "It only gets better." Smiling, the husband of the pair responded: "We've been here three days and each one has gotten better."

Just beyond these pools is the quieter beachfront. Although a hefty bit of seaweed clutters the otherwise sea glass-green waters — not on par with the Mayan Riviera's reputation for pristine beaches — the sandbars are the glorious temperature of bathwater and the sand itself is the softest we've bared our feet for. Each time we walked the shoreline between the phases, we shuffled through heart after heart etched in the sand. We eventually caved and drew one, too.

"Have you ever been kissed by a Mexican?" asked Miguel, a trainer at Moon Palace's own dolphinarium, where guests get a show and a wet smooch from one of eight bottlenose dolphins. A professional photographer on hand means that guests take home a souvenir portrait that's a step up from a smartphone selfie.

On the last evening of the trip, we had an unexpectedly exceptional meal at Los Tacos.

At the poolside snack bar, surrounded by a ring of romantic canopied beds and mangroves, a flirtatious waiter brought to our table a heaping plate of nachos that we didn't actually order. But it didn't matter, because the tortilla chips swimming in cheese, grilled pork and pineapples were as gratifying as the tumbler of Dos Equis we washed them down with.

For the kids

- While there are hoards of honeymooners — Moon Palace hosts more than a thousand weddings annually — the resort is actually bursting at the seams with families. The appeal is as strong for the under-18 set as it is for grown-ups. Parents relax poolside while their kids roam independently with minimal risk, and vice-versa. Plus, the all-inclusive element means that, cost-wise, parents don't need to utter the dreaded word "no" very often. Kids seem elated; adults look relieved.

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Gone fishin' — in a tiny Quebec town

Put the cod on ice.
River turns into a town of fishing huts when the temperature drops

Sainte-Anne-de-la-Perade welcomes tens of thousands of visitors each year to fish in the river. THE CANADIAN PRESS

A fish tale that began 75 years ago has turned a small Quebec town into an international winter destination.

Today, Sainte-Anne-de-la-Perade boasts that it's the world capital for tommycod fishing as it welcomes tens of thousands of visitors annually.

As the story goes, it began in 1938, when a local grocer went out on the nearby Sainte-Anne River to cut up blocks of ice which he would put into boxes to keep his meat refrigerated.

When he cut through the ice, he noticed small codfish in the river. The word spread and fishing huts soon began springing up every winter, turning part of the river into a small village on ice. During the early days, because roads were closed during the winter, people came by train to fish and scoop up the tommycod, also known as tomcod. Horse-drawn sleigh carriages were used to bring the eager visitors to the fishing chalets. Steve Massicotte, a town councillor and president of the Sainte-Anne River Outfitters Association, says the wood-heated chalets were originally quite small.

"In the beginning, there were chalets that could accommodate four, six, up to a maximum of eight people," he said in an interview. "Since the '80s, we have chalets that can accommodate 25 to 30 people."

Massicotte says 500 fishing huts are now set up each winter along one-and-a-half kilometres of the Sainte-Anne River and that more than 80,000 eager tourists drop by every year to enjoy the winter fishing.

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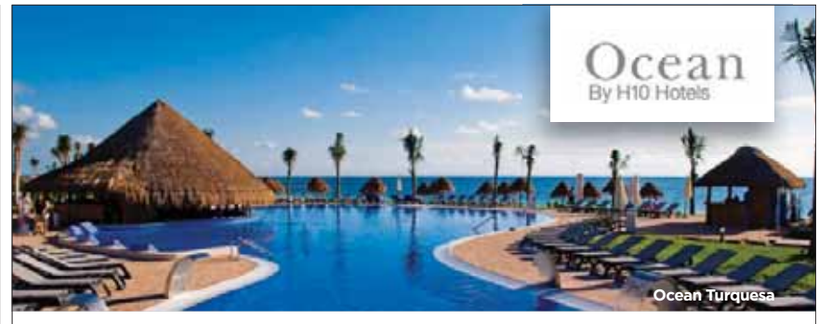

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Metro's travel myth busting

Travel myths are like urban legends — there are lots of them and nobody really knows how they got started. Luckily, Metro's resident travel expert Loren Christie is here to set the record straight.

ON THE MOVE
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Want to fly first class? Just ask!

Myth: Ask nicely and you'll get upgraded to first class.

Reality: Sorry, you need more than manners to get seated with the pretty people. When it comes to upgrades, loyalty pays. With cost structures and loyalty programs in place, airlines reserve upgrades to first class to a very select few, such as passengers cashing in program points and higher-tier frequent fliers.

Travel deal Tuesdays

Myth: Tuesdays are the best days to buy airfare.

Reality: Historically, many airlines released fare sales on Tuesdays, which has led to this best day to buy myth, but the Internet jolted this pattern. When you fly is far more important than when you buy. Try flexible-dates shopping to determine when you can get the very best deal and go at mid-day and other off-peak business travel hours.

Calm down, it's just a card!

Myth: Your hotel key card can be used to steal your identity.

Reality: A hotel key card never has your personal information, such as your name, photo, or credit card number, attached to it. Even after you've checked out of the hotel, nobody can use it to pull any personal data. If you lose your hotel key card during your stay, you're simply locked out of your room. The misplaced card is simply deactivated and becomes useless.

Being late to the party pays

Myth: Booking at the last minute gets you the best deals.

Reality: More often than not, travellers will pay a premium if they choose to book an airline ticket at the very last minute. You should try to book your airfare at least 21 days in advance. For hotels, you could get a good deal last minute but it is all about the supply and demand; there is no secret formula. There are some deals to be had by booking a last minute, prepackaged vacation, as long as you are flexible on the actual destination.

Lose the bread, but keep all the BLT flavours

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No, it's not a sandwich but a delicious salad with all the ingredients except for the bread. I don't often use iceberg lettuce, but it goes so well in this salad.

1. Preheat the oven to 400 F.

2. Combine the milk and egg in one bowl. Combine the panko, Parmesan, and salt and pepper in another bowl.

3. Dip the chicken breast in the egg mixture, then panko mix.

4. Heat skillet until hot. Add oil and sauté the chicken breast just until browned on both sides, 2 minutes per side. Place in 400 F oven and bake 10 minutes, until the temperature reaches 165 F or until it's no longer pink. Let cool, then slice.

5. In a small skillet, cook the prosciutto until crisp (about 5 minutes). Dice and sprinkle over the lettuce wedges and sprinkle with the crumbled feta and tomatoes. Add chicken. Pour the dressing over top.

THE BEST OF ROSE REISMAN (WHITECAP BOOKS) BY ROSE REISMAN

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup 2% milk
- 1 egg
- 1/2 cup panko crumbs
- 2 tbsp grated Parmesan cheese
- pinch of salt and pepper
- 8 oz boneless chicken breast
- 2 tsp vegetable oil
- 2 oz prosciutto
- 1 large iceberg lettuce cut into 6 wedges
- 1/2 cup feta cheese
- 1/2 cup diced tomatoes
- 2/3 cup light ranch dressing (store bought)

This recipe serves six. MIKE MCCOLL, FROM THE BEST OF ROSE REISMAN (WHITECAP BOOKS)

Learn about LinkedIn and let the world wide web work for you

Networking's network. Another acquaintance has added you on LinkedIn, but you're still not sure what the whole site is about. Here's a crash course on this computer-based career consultant

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Commit to regularly updating and improving your LinkedIn profile: this way you won't neglect it. ISTOCK

LinkedIn is a great tool for researching prospective careers, building your network and reaching out and connecting with people

This should be an entirely professional social media tool, so keep your personal life out of it — it should function as an online resumé and professional networking tool.

It takes some time and effort to create a great LinkedIn account, but if you do it right, it will certainly help you in connecting with the right people and getting a job.

Here are some tips on how to set up an effective LinkedIn profile:

Getting started

Get a professional headshot done. You want to be dressed in business attire and looking sharp. This is about creating a positive and professional image — think about what message your photo sends about you and whether it fits with your career goals.

Take time to write a clear, concise and compelling summary statement. Tailor it to what your target audience will be interested in knowing about you. Be sure to include key words, industry-specific lingo and job-specific skills so that it is easily searchable.

Create an effective and informative professional headline.

This helps people to understand, in just a few words, who you are and what your skills are.

Filling it in

Join groups that relate to your career interests and industries. Being involved in groups can help you to connect with people that you might not otherwise interact with.

Add industry relevant skills to your profile. Once you have added these skills, start endorsing others for the skills that they possess. This will, in turn, result in others endorsing you.

Similar to endorsements, the process of getting recommendations is founded in reciprocity.

If you want others to write a recommendation for you, first write a recommendation for them. Take time to write serious and thoughtful recommendations, as they are also a reflection of you.

When you write a recommendation for someone else, they are then prompted to return the favour and write one for you.

Endorsements and recommendations add to your credibility.

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Fine-tuning

- Customize your profile URL — go to your profile, click on Edit, click on Manage Public Profile Settings, on the right hand side of that page, click on Customize your public profile URL. This allows you to create a shorter URL that looks better and more professional on contact cards and resumes.
- Carefully proofread your entire profile. Then, have at least one or two other people look over your profile; ask them to give you feedback on whether it is clear and accurate.

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Turn chatter into a chance

Talk turned around. There's no such thing as useless banter when you're on the hunt for a hot job

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Whether you're in an unfamiliar country or steps from home, there are four steps to take if you want to turn a conversation into an opportunity:

Be an awesome listener
Finding opportunities is an active process, just like networking, applying to jobs or marketing yourself in an interview. However, all of these steps start with good listening skills. You can't learn without new information and you can't acquire any if you're talking about yourself.

Maintain eye contact, acknowledge information with body language and ask follow-up questions based on the information you've just heard.

Develop curiosity
When you travel, you ask and answer a lot of questions.

There's nothing wrong with that, because questions are a simple and easy way to get to know someone. However, when you're looking for an opportunity, you want to ask questions that will spark meaningful conversation.

A question is an invitation to engage, so while you're busy not talking, you should be coming up with questions to ignite interest in your conversation partner and build engagement. At the end of the day, great questions sprout from your genuine curiosity and fascination — so questions are a way for you to radiate authenticity and drive a conversation.

Be a problem detector
If you listen carefully and pose engaged questions, you will soon find yourself immersed in a lively discussion.

Once you've moved beyond questions and answers, your conversation partner will likely share things they wouldn't have disclosed to you a handful of minutes earlier — not secrets or confidential information, but personal feelings about challenges they're facing or areas of particular interest that they'd like to develop.

Identify problems by listening for hints, remarks or statements like:

"I wish I could ... " "The problem is ... " "I'm not sure how to ... "

When these statements come up, dig deeper to understand the underlying problem and ask yourself how your skills could help address the issue at hand. Sometimes, your help can be an anecdote, a story or information from an article you read. At other times, the solution may just be YOU. Then, it's on to step four.

Don't get discouraged if you can't identify a problem right away. Concentrate on acquiring more information and asking good questions.

Showcase your personal brand
This is the big step.

Once you've spotted your potential opportunity and confirmed that it matches your skills and experience, it's time to make your move.

If the conversation you're having is quite lively and informal, you can say something direct:

"I have some experience in this area."

"Have you considered ... "

"Can I share my thoughts on this?"

If you're afraid of coming on too strong, try an indirect approach. Share a relevant personal story that offers some problem-solving solutions and demonstrates your skills. You can also get your conversation partner to explain the problem in more detail by asking further questions, which may prompt them to ask for feedback from you.

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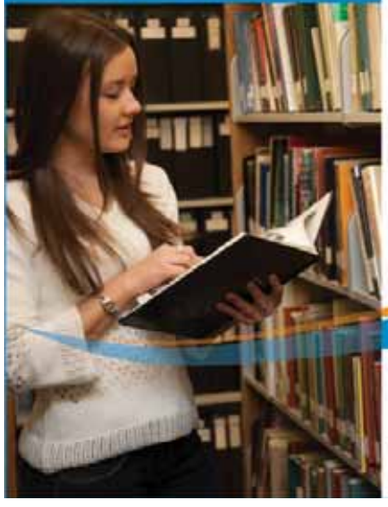
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SPORTS 4

Sarah Burke remembered as a mentor and a pioneer

BC Sports Hall of Fame. Canadian freestyle skier, who passed away in 2012 at age 29, named to 2014 induction class

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Sarah Burke, the Canadian freestyle skier who tragically passed away almost two years ago, had a gift, and it wasn't just on the snowy slopes.

The inaugural winner of the FIS freestyle world championship in half-pipe skiing and a four-time Winter X-Games gold medallist in the Superpipe, Burke, who resided in Squamish, was also a coach at Momentum Ski Camps in Whistler.

"Everyone who got coached by her remembers her," said longtime friend John Smart, who was on hand to take Burke's seat Tuesday when the BC Sports Hall of Fame announced its 2014 induction class.

"They don't forget her because she was so powerful as a mentor."

Burke died in January 2012 after an accident during training in Utah. She was 29 years old.

Burke will go into the Hall of Fame in the athlete category, along with Lars Hansen (basketball), Scott Niedermayer (hockey), Joanne Sargent (basketball), and Kelowna's Greg Athans, another pioneer in freestyle skiing.

Athans passed away in 2006 at the age of 51.

The two share something in common: Both helped launch their sport into the Olympics, just in different decades and disciplines.

Athans, then as a coach, advocated to get freestyle skiing into the Winter Olympics. It made its debut in 1988.

Burke lobbied to get half-pipe skiing into the Olympics. Her efforts paid off. It makes its debut at the 2014 Sochi Games in February.

Smart, who began Momentum Camps in 1992 and had known Burke since she took up the sport, won't forget her determined work to help get half-pipe skiing on the Sochi program, or her love for the sport.

"She ... had an incredible fearlessness," he said.

"It's going to be hard thinking about Sarah not being there. She was the best."

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Freestyle skier Sarah Burke, who died in January 2012 in a training accident, will be inducted into the BC Sports Hall of Fame at the 46th annual Banquet of Champions on Sept. 25, 2014. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Call to the Hall

Class of 2014 made up of 10 individuals and one team

The BC Sports Hall of Fame announced its list of inductees for 2014, at a press conference at BC Place Stadium on Tuesday.

Ten individuals and one team will be formally inducted into the BC Sports Hall of Fame at the 46th annual Banquet of Champions on Sept. 25, 2014.

Athlete category: Greg Athans (freestyle skiing); Sarah Burke (freestyle skiing); Lars Hansen (basketball); Scott Niedermayer (hockey); Joanne Sargent (basketball)

Builder category: Bob Nicholson (hockey); Dr. Jack Taunton (sports medicine)

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Canucks' five straight wins a drop in bucket

THE HOCKEY NEWS
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Ever since the calendar called on December, the Vancouver Canucks have played by far their best hockey of the season. And yet their foothold on a playoff spot is as slippery as ever.

Coach John Tortorella didn't get the performance he had hoped for from his troops when they marched into Manhattan to face the New York Rangers on Nov. 30, but since then he has gotten exactly what he wants from his team. Tuesday's 2-0 win over the Carolina Hurricanes is the perfect example. Great goaltending? Check. Disciplined defence? Check. Timely goals? Check.

And now they've strung a bushel of wins together. The five-spot Vancouver has put up has been prototypical Tortorella-type hockey — give up next to nothing and score just enough to win. The Canucks have allowed only six goals during their five-game streak while scoring no more than three in any of those wins, just the way their coach likes his hockey played.

Canucks goaltender Roberto Luongo makes a save in Sunday's 3-1 win over the Colorado Avalanche at Rogers Arena. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The problem is — and here is where this column becomes a killjoy — a five-game winning streak just isn't what it used to be, at least where the Canucks are concerned. Despite five straight wins and a 7-2-1 record in their past 10 games, the Canucks have hardly budged in the Pacific Division standings. They've moved but one spot, from fifth to fourth. That's it, that's all.

Gone are the days of the Northwest Division when the Canucks fattened themselves on a steady diet of bottom-feeders. Hello Pacific, where three of the NHL's top six teams (Anaheim, San Jose and Los Angeles) reside, all of whom have been good in their past 10 games, too.

The Canucks are tied for the most games played (33) of any team in the NHL — four more than Phoenix, which sits fifth in the Pacific, just four points behind.

Eventually, the Coyotes are going to cash in some of those potential points.

So despite the good times rolling recently in Vancouver, they're going to have to get even better if the Canucks hope to make a move up the standings. No one said it would be easy, but surely they didn't think it would be this hard.

Hockey. Tough decisions ahead for Team Canada

It's a good bet hockey fans nationwide are starting to formulate their own rosters of NHL players they believe should represent Canada at the 2014 Sochi Olympics.

Yes, we're getting close to the Jan. 7 date when Hockey Canada will announce its roster for the team that will go into Sochi as the defending gold-medal champs.

Bob Nicholson, Hockey Canada's president and CEO, and a member of the management group for Canada's men's national team, acknowledged that tough decisions lie ahead for the group.

This shouldn't come as much surprise, but don't worry Canucks fans, Roberto Luongo, the goalie for Canada in 2010, is in the mix for Sochi.

Every position and every player is up for debate.

Will Steven Stamkos, who broke his tibia on Nov. 11, be healthy in time for the Olympics? Has P.K. Subban played his way on or off the list of defencemen? This seems to change in the public's mind with each passing shift.

And what about Dallas Stars forward Jamie Benn, who wasn't even invited to the summer orientation camp but continues to emerge as a sound two-way centre and gotten himself into the conversation for Sochi?

CAM TUCKER/METRO

Soccer

Carducci re-claims U-17 honours

Marco Carducci, a goalkeeper with the Vancouver Whitecaps residency program, has been named the 2013 Canadian U-17 Player of the Year by the Canadian Soccer Association. This marks the second straight year Carducci, 17, has won the award and the sixth consecutive year a member of the Whitecaps residency program has won the award. METRO

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Boston	30	20	8	2	84	61	42
Montreal	32	19	10	3	85	71	41
Detroit	32	15	9	8	87	85	38
Tampa Bay	30	17	10	3	85	76	37
Toronto	31	16	12	3	86	87	35
Ottawa	32	12	14	6	92	105	30
Florida	32	10	17	5	73	106	25
Buffalo	31	7	22	2	53	92	16

METROPOLITAN DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Pittsburgh	32	21	10	1	98	71	43
Washington	31	17	12	2	98	90	36
Carolina	31	13	13	5	71	86	31
NY Rangers	32	15	16	1	70	84	31
New Jersey	32	12	14	6	73	82	30
Philadelphia	30	13	14	3	68	78	29
Columbus	31	13	15	3	78	86	29
NY Islanders	31	8	18	5	77	109	21

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Chicago	33	22	6	5	122	91	49
St. Louis	29	20	6	3	100	67	43
Minnesota	32	18	9	5	77	75	41
Colorado	29	20	9	0	83	68	40
Dallas	29	14	10	5	83	86	33
Winnipeg	32	14	14	4	83	90	32
Nashville	31	14	14	3	71	89	31

PACIFIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Anaheim	33	21	7	5	106	86	47
Los Angeles	31	20	7	4	85	62	44
San Jose	30	19	6	5	101	75	43
Vancouver	33	18	10	5	88	81	41
Phoenix	30	17	8	5	97	94	39
Calgary	29	11	14	4	78	98	26
Edmonton	31	10	18	3	84	105	23

Note: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Tuesday's results
Los Angeles 6 Montreal 0
Washington 6 Tampa Bay 5 (SO)
Buffalo 2 Ottawa 1 (SO)
Columbus 5 New Jersey 4
Nashville 4 NY Rangers 1
Florida 3 Detroit 2 (SO)
St. Louis 2 Winnipeg 1
Chicago 6 Dallas 2
Phoenix 3 Colorado 1
Boston at Calgary
Carolina at Edmonton
NY Islanders at San Jose

Monday's results
Ottawa 5 Philadelphia 4 (SO)
Pittsburgh 2 Columbus 1
Anaheim 5 NY Islanders 2
Vancouver 2 Carolina 0

Wednesday's games — All Times Eastern
Los Angeles at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at Anaheim, 10:30 p.m.

Thursday's games
Montreal at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Columbus at NY Rangers, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Colorado at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.
Carolina at Calgary, 9 p.m.
NY Islanders at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Boston at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.
Minnesota at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	Pts
Crosby, Pgh	16	27	43
Malkin, Pgh	8	30	38
Getzlaf, Ana	16	21	37
Kane, Chi	16	21	37
Perry, Ana	20	15	35
Tavares, NYI	12	22	34
Steen, StL	20	12	32
Thornton, SJ	5	27	32
Ovechkin, Wash	22	9	31
Kunitz, Pgh	17	14	31
Zetterberg, Det	11	19	30
Kessel, Tor	16	13	29
Couture, SJ	10	19	29
Karlsson, Ott	8	21	29
H. Sedin, Vcr	8	21	29
Ryan, Ott	14	14	28
Marleau, SJ	13	15	28
D. Sedin, Vcr	10	18	28
Seguin, Dal	15	12	27

Not including last night's games

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Indiana	19	3	.864	—
d-Miami	16	6	.727	3
Atlanta	11	11	.500	8
d-Boston	10	13	.435	9 1/2
Charlotte	10	11	.476	8 1/2
Detroit	10	12	.455	9
Washington	9	11	.450	9
Chicago	8	11	.421	9 1/2
Cleveland	8	13	.381	10 1/2
Toronto	7	13	.350	11
Brooklyn	7	14	.333	11 1/2
Philadelphia	7	15	.318	12
Orlando	6	15	.286	12 1/2
New York	5	15	.250	13
Milwaukee	5	16	.238	13 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Portland	18	4	.818	—
Oklahoma City	16	4	.800	1
d-San Antonio	16	4	.800	1
d-L.A. Clippers	14	8	.636	4
Houston	15	7	.682	3
Denver	13	8	.619	4 1/2
Dallas	13	9	.591	5
Phoenix	11	9	.550	6
Golden State	12	10	.545	6
Memphis	10	10	.500	7
L.A. Lakers	10	10	.500	7
Minnesota	10	11	.476	7 1/2
New Orleans	9	10	.474	7 1/2
Sacramento	6	13	.316	10 1/2
Utah	4	19	.174	14 1/2

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Tuesday's results
San Antonio 116 Toronto 103
Cleveland 109 New York 94
Indiana 90 Miami 84
Minnesota 121 Detroit 94
Oklahoma City 101 Atlanta 92
Brooklyn 104 Boston 96
Milwaukee 78 Chicago 74
Phoenix at L.A. Lakers

Wednesday's games — All Times Eastern
Orlando at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Detroit at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Philadelphia at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Chicago at New York, 8 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Utah at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Dallas at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

NHL board of governors. Shanahan gets a pat on the back despite the 'ugly'

The salary cap is going up and business is booming, but still the NHL often gets the most attention for ugly stuff that happens on the ice.

Ugly was front and centre Saturday night during the Boston Bruins-Pittsburgh Penguins game that led to two suspensions and three players on the injured list. But instead of expressing concern over Shawn Thornton and James Neal, the league's board of governors gave vice-president of player safety Brendan Shanahan a thumbs-up for his handling of discipline.

"I believe the sense of the room is that Brendan Shanahan and the department of player safety has the confidence of the board of governors. He certainly has my confidence," commissioner Gary Bettman said. "It's about modifying an element of the game's culture and we think we've made positive, dramatic steps forward."

When Thornton is suspended following an in-person hearing Friday, it will be the 19th ban this season that costs players at least one regular-season game. The first 18 suspensions added up to 77 games, including Neal's five for kneeing Brad Marchand in the head.

But Shanahan told the board Tuesday that among roughly 55,000 hits over the course of a year, only 50 to 100 are problematic. General managers have noticed a major change over time.

The next step could be harsher punishments as more of a deterrent for players. But general managers didn't display much of an appetite for change in that regard.

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AJAC's historical missteps?

Former winners. Let's go back in time and see the good and the not-so-good victors

The trouble with car-of-the-year awards is that they recognize fetching lines, nifty engineering and value for money, but fail to take into account the one factor shoppers say is paramount to their decision: reliability.

As AJAC names its finalists for the 2014 Canadian car and utility vehicle of the year, we thought it would be instructive to look back at previous winners, in five-year increments, to see how they fared in the real world. Do our esteemed jurists end up picking the best vehicles for hard-working Canadians? You be the judge.

THE 2010 VW GOLF GTI, ALL PHOTOS TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

2010: VW Golf GTI
Volkswagen bookends our retrospective with two disparate generations of the worldly, front-drive Golf. The sixth-gen Golf, introduced in 2010, was a masterful reworking of the Mk5 car that landed here in 2006. The body was finessed with an angle grinder to make it more aerodynamic, while the cabin furnishings were raised to near-Audi standards. The GTI inherited Golf's three- and five-door hatch configurations, but with some tuned suspension bits and wicked alloy wheels shod with low-profile rubber. Owners of pre-2010 GTIs did report several minor problems, but VW must have ironed out the bugs; the newest generation appears problem free.

The 2005 Ford Mustang had looks and power but also some faults.

2005: Ford Mustang
To mark the 40th anniversary of Lee Iacocca's groundbreaking Mustang, Ford put stylist J Mays on the job to cast the new coupe and convertible as "retro-future" iterations of the original. By adopting the rear-drive chassis of the Lincoln LS — but with a solid rear axle to keep costs down — the car gained a stiff platform to promote adept handling. Assembled at the Ford-Mazda plant in Michigan, the Mustang benefited from Japanese-quality controls. Still, there were some unsettling problems revealed by owners, including faulty manual transmissions and rear differentials, fuelling issues, faulty emergency brakes, short-lived batteries, bad V8 throttle-position sensors and interior rattles.

2000: Ford Focus
With its avant-garde styling and premium materials, the Ford Focus aspired to be more than just an econobox. And it came in lots of flavours: a four-door sedan, five-door wagon, three-door hatchback and, later, a five-door hatch. Every model was a ball to drive, thanks to its tight platform and sophisticated suspension geometry. The Focus got off to a rocky start in terms of reliability. Owners' mailboxes filled up with recall notices, and the cars exhibited mechanical glitches such as fast-wearing brakes, wheel-bearing failures, broken transmissions and ignition switches, faulty air conditioners, bad fuel pumps and numerous electrical problems.

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This year's 12 finalists

- **Small Car (under $21k):** Mazda 3
- **Small Car (over $21k):** Mazda 3 Sport
- **Family Car (under $30k):** Kia Soul
- **Family Car (over $30k):** Mazda 6
- **Luxury Car (under $50k):** Lexus IS 350 RWD
- **Luxury Car (over $50k):** Infiniti Q50 Hybrid
- **Sports/Performance ($50k+):** Chevrolet Corvette Stingray
- **Prestige Car (over $75k):** Mercedes-Benz S Class
- **SUV/CUV (under $35k):** Jeep Cherokee
- **SUV/CUV ($35k to $60k):** Kia Sorento
- **SUV/CUV ($60k+):** Acura MDX
- **Pickup:** GMC Sierra

The process of election

- **AJAC finalists and runners up.** Mazda, Kia and General Motors lead the way in the battle to be named Canada's 2014 car or truck of the year. The Automobile Journalists Association of Canada announced its 12 finalists for the awards last week, including three Mazda vehicles, and two each from Kia and GM. In October, a group of 80 AJAC journalists test drove 174 new vehicles during a week-long series of trials in Niagara Falls. AJAC's annual Test Fest evaluates all new or redesigned vehicles in each of 12 categories on the same day, over the same route, including a high-speed test circuit and/or a simulated off-road course or cottage road, depending on the type of vehicle. The journalists ranked a wide range of attributes, including design, space, quality, performance, safety, economy and value. Transport Canada fuel consumption figures were also factored in, as was the vehicles' price. Those 12 finalists will now compete to be named AJAC's Car of the Year or Utility Vehicle of the Year, which will be announced on Feb. 13.

Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
If you have not made as much progress as you would have liked on a project, don't worry and certainly don't work even harder. Maybe in future you should set yourself targets you know you will be able to reach.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
If you need to get something finished, step on the gas. Mars in the work area of your chart will boost your energy but you won't get anywhere worth going unless you're motivated.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
If someone asks for your opinion on a personal matter, you will be happy to give it. However, if your sixth sense tells you they won't be happy hearing the truth, maybe you should decline their request.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Feuds and power struggles are best avoided, even if it means you have to go off and be by yourself for a while. Do not, under any circumstances, make the mistake of taking sides.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
You need to get your financial house in order — quickly. Be ruthless with yourself and make sure you know the difference between your needs and your desires. If something is not a necessity, live without it.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Your authority on the work front has slipped a bit and you need to find ways to remind people why they should do what you tell them. Be persuasive but don't be rude.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
According to the planets this is a good day for personal issues, especially partnerships. In affairs of the heart, you can hardly put a foot wrong at the moment — and a little of what you enjoy will do you good.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You may not be able to rely on certain people as much as you have done recently, but you no longer need them. There is a major luck factor working in your life at the moment.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Make the most of the Sun in your sign to show the world what you are capable of. It's never too late to make an impression or to move up in the world but now it will be easier than other times.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You may not have made as much progress at work as your talents deserve. But, with Mars moving through the career area of your chart, it won't be long before that changes.

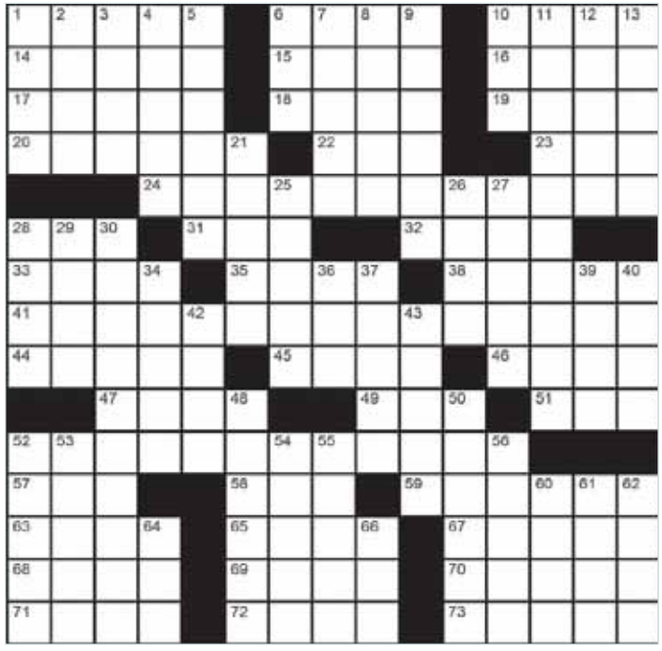
♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Today, make an effort to read between the lines. What is not being said is likely to be ten times more important than what is being said. Also, watch other people's body language.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Be decisive today. Think and act fast and don't worry too much about what the consequences might be. Some people may get annoyed but they need to know you're not the sort to be messed around. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



Across
1. Fido's warning
6. Color Me __ ('90s boy band)
10. Went too fast
14. Mr. Spock's virtue
15. Wise one
16. Taken-back vehicle
17. Flooded
18. High-hatter
19. Pouches
20. Canada Goose garments
22. As well
23. British running great Sebastian
24. Items worn by Queen Victoria at The Bata Shoe Museum in Toronto: 2 wds.
28. With it
31. New Zealand bird
32. Blinds strip
33. Mr. Redding
35. Fashionably 'ready'
38. Clear
41. John Lennon's handwritten lyrics, etc.: 2 wds.
44. __ socks
45. Hydrocarbon suffixes
46. Hershey's treat
47. Glorify
49. Energy
51. Sketch show, shortly
52. Mount Everest professionals: 2 wds.
57. __ Mahal
58. Li'l loudness
59. Arrogance
63. Songstress Ms. Ali
65. Go __ detail
67. Poppycock
68. Roman emperor
69. Poet Mr. Pound
70. Fragrant oil from flowers
71. Likewise
72. Marinate
73. Antelope variety

Down
1. "__ Shot" (1977)
2. "And __ _ word from our sponsor..."
3. Seaweed product
4. Hazards
5. "To life!" in "Fiddler on the Roof" (1971)
6. Microsoft mogul ...his initials-sharers
7. Some relatives
8. Cake-lover's spotting-cake reaction
9. Claude __, Montreal-born singer/songwriter
10. Grads-to-be, briefly
11. They might be held to negotiate a treaty: 2 wds.
12. Edmonton high-rise office building, __ Tower
13. Prescription amounts
21. Alpine sight
25. "Instant __!" by John Lennon
26. Non-royal
27. Eiffel Tower's home
28. Lively circle dance
29. "Lay __ __ the Line" by Triumph
30. Food preserving containers: 2 wds.
34. Broadway composer, Matthew __
36. Long time
37. Spectacular coin-collecting fountain in Rome
39. Priory of __, in "The Da Vinci Code"
40. "My Name Is __"
42. "You Raise __" by Josh Groban: 2 wds.
43. Thespian's line to the audience
48. Canadian writer, Robertson __ (b.1913 - d.1995)
50. Canadian actress Ms. Ory
52. Ms. Katic of "Castle" on ABC
53. Ms. McCallion, Mayor of Mississauga, ON since 1978
54. Nickname of Gregory Harrison's character on "Trapper John, M.D."
55. Extreme
56. Chimney's characteristic
60. Smidgen
61. Ice floes animal
62. "__ Breckinridge" (1970)
64. Cow's communication
66. Furniture wood

Yesterday's Crossword

Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

	4				9	1	3	
		8					5	2
				5		7		9
			3	6				5
	1						6	
2				8	7			
3		4		7				
1	6					4		
	7	9	4				8	

Yesterday's Sudoku

8	2	4	7	6	3	5	1	9
1	3	5	2	9	4	6	7	8
6	9	7	5	8	1	3	2	4
2	7	1	3	5	8	4	9	6
9	5	3	6	4	7	1	8	2
4	8	6	9	1	2	7	3	5
3	1	8	4	2	6	9	5	7
7	6	9	8	3	5	2	4	1
5	4	2	1	7	9	8	6	3

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